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## Town wants crossing safety improved

BY JOSH SKAPIN  
Didsbury Review

In response to an incident that resulted in two Didsbury men being taken to hospital, the Town of Didsbury is taking steps to make changes to the presently uncontrolled rail crossing located at Range Road 20.

The men were travelling in a truck, on their way to work when they were involved in a collision with a Canadian Pacific Rail (CPR) train which consisted of sulphur railcars at approximately 4:40 a.m. on Feb. 12.

The town submitted a letter to CPR requesting that the location change to a

controlled crossing.

Because it is presently uncontrolled, the crossing does not contain a crossing gate or warning system.

"We wanted to request that...maybe they should look at marking that one with lights," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"As we develop whether it be the industrial land up there, or commercial, or even the increase in residential that we are going to see, that back road to Olds is going to get used more and more and we feel that an unmarked crossing is probably not the safest thing."

The town, and county participated in a negotiation involving annexation last year.

Once complete, the annexation is expected to include the land where the crossing is located.

"Especially if it will be inside town boundaries, all the others that we have all have marked crossing, or the arm, or lights, which is certainly something we would like to see from a safety perspective for residents," said Wittal.

"...that road is used quite a bit now, so the sooner that they decide to respond to it or decide to do something, the better it would be."

Wittal says, because the sulphur cars that run along the railway are black and are without reflectors, that they are impossible

to see.

"If you have flashings lights when something comes through there, people are going to at least be more aware."

While the letter from the town has not yet been reviewed by CPR officials, spokesperson Breanne Feigel says there will be a followup with Mountain View County on the status of the crossing.

"CP will touch base with the county to discuss improving safety at that crossing," she said.

Human Factors North Inc completed a study for Transport Canada in July of last year where the crossing in question was noted as a concern.



**DERAILED** - A CP Rail worker is at the scene where a truck collided with this train, derailing it, Feb. 12. Town Council is concerned with the uncontrolled crossing.

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Darci Molander, Chelsea Budd, and Shyanne Reimer skip rope during recess at WestGlen school recently.

# Healthy communities finds focus

Connected town is important

BY JOSH SKAPIN  
Didsbury Review

The Didsbury Healthy Communities coalition is presently discussing a focus for which to concentrate their efforts in improving town vitality.

The coalition, which grew from a public meeting earlier this year is a combined effort between the Town of Didsbury and Calgary Health Region (CHR).

"We have a lot of people around the table right now, including representatives from

schools, churches, seniors' groups, and town representatives," said Terec Hokanson, health promotion strategist, Rural North, and Bow Corridor with the CHR.

"Now we're looking at what our purpose is as a group, and what our vision is going to be."

Hokanson says presently the priority for the project is to bring people together.

"We are re-connecting everyone, especially across the generations. With the growth happening in Didsbury I think the

residents want to feel that they are really connected."

Hokanson says the aim is to have a focus established by September, so that the coalition can have a brand before its first public appearance at the Didsbury Showcase.

The coalition will be bringing in a facilitator in April to help the group establish its focus.

"We want to make sure that we have something that really speaks for everyone. It's great that we are able to arrive at something from the 15 people at the table who say 'this works great for us' but what we need to do is really go out and talk to people so that everyone says 'absolutely,

that's important to me."

Hokanson believes the vision will be broad, similar to "the importance of a connected community."

Hokanson, also coordinating the Healthy Communities project in Carstairs, says there is a similarity between the two towns in what both are hoping to gain from the plan.

"There is that desire to maintain a connected community which I think is reflective of the growth. It's so critical to know who your neighbours are and feel comfortable letting your children go down your street to play because you know all your neighbours and know their eyes are watching to keep your children safe."

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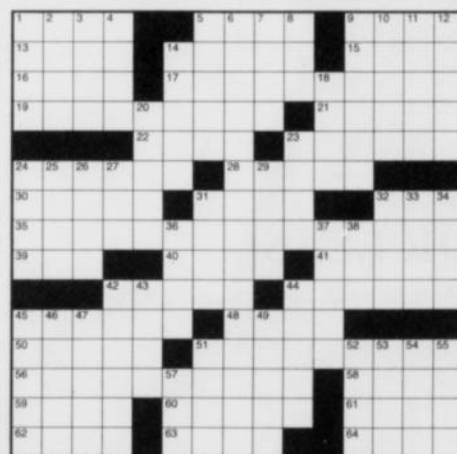
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7. Kipling's "The Road to Mandalay"
8. Very fast airplane
9. A vast desert in N Africa
10. Not dead
11. Crook (Yiddish)
12. A feeling of anxiety
14. Koran chapters
18. C C C
20. 7 Year Itch actor Tom
23. Pear variety
24. A large wilderness area
25. Wimbledon champion Arthur
26. Devastation
27. Bliffish
29. Unauthorized disclosure of information
31. Affirmative votes
32. Snarl (Scottish)
33. Children's author Blyton
34. Flat tableland with steep edges
36. Lake \_\_\_\_, one of the Greats
37. Young sheep
38. Coach Paragon
42. Most bald
43. Receipt (abbr.)
44. Rulers
45. Ethyl acetate
46. A shape that spreads outward
47. Fellates
49. Group of near-earth asteroids
51. 73717
52. Plural of 57 down
53. A horizontal bar of wood
54. Approves food
55. Cat sound
57. Conger or moray

### CLUES ACROSS

1. Egyptian sun god
5. \_\_\_\_ the night before Christmas
9. Heroic tale
13. L.A. artist Pittman
14. Dirts
15. \_\_\_\_ Ladd, actor
16. \_\_\_\_ head: embarrassed
17. Unfastening
19. Letter closure
21. Roof overhangs
22. Oasis (Arabic)
23. Grief-stricken
24. Flatboat carriers
28. Shad genus
30. In the ordinary course of events
31. 50010 - 50014
32. Jewel
35. Actress in "The Apartment"
39. Adult female bird
40. Take heed
41. Ridge on Doric column

### CLUES DOWN

42. Quick and energetic
44. Gunsmoke actress Blake
45. Obliterate
48. Metrical foot
50. Drink noisily
51. Blood serum containing antibodies
56. Tattletale
58. Freedom from difficulty
59. Geological times
60. Makes level
61. Venice beach
62. A pause for relaxation
63. Places
64. Shredded cabbage
1. Expression of sorrow or pity
2. Japanese sock
3. Algeria's 2nd largest city
4. Natl. Information Svcs. Corp.
5. Harmonized in color
6. The 25th President



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# RCMP discusses priorities with town

BY JOSH SKAPIN  
Didsbury Review

Didsbury RCMP Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer met with Didsbury Town Council to discuss the success of last year's efforts and to determine what should be local priorities for 2008.

Last March, in a meeting for the same purpose, council directed the RCMP to crack down on vandalism and drug-related crimes in town.

According to RCMP statistics, the number of complaints regarding vandalism in Didsbury dropped from 150 in 2006, to 130 last year.

Last year, the town planted signs in town that encouraged those who have witnessed something suspicious to contact the police.

"Was it a result of the signs going up?" asked O'Dwyer regarding the drop in vandalism complaints. "I can't say that with certainty, but there is a reduction, which is always a good thing."

However, O'Dwyer says he believes the presence of signs has been a positive move and is something the Town of Carstairs is considering to help curb vandalism in their town.

"I have received comments from people around town (regarding the signs), having them placed in different locations, it's something they notice when coming into town. We're getting a lot more calls from the general public which is giving us the opportunity to go to these areas and identify who these youth are," he said.

"I think it's paying dividends."

Whether the complaints are connected to actual criminal activity or not, O'Dwyer says he likes that people are reporting suspicious behaviour.

"We are getting a lot more people reporting - some of it is unfounded. We're going and it may be a group of youth walking and not doing anything wrong, but it let's people know they're watching," he said.

"I think a lot of the people feel, and they

are driving around and see something wrong and it's not really a 911 complaint, and they don't remember the telcom number, they see it on the signs and they call, which I think is great."

During the meeting, O'Dwyer also spoke about now designating a member to commit their time to traffic violations, adding that they will be working closely with town Peace Officer Derek Sutherland.

While during the meeting council had not concluded on the priorities that they would like to see pursued by police this year, the town later notified O'Dwyer that they would once again like a concentrated effort on vandalism and drug crimes.

## Didsbury crime statistics for 2007

National survey codes: reported 103, actual 102

FES-Other FES statutes: reported eight, actual eight

FES - Consumer protection: reported two, actual two.

Drug enforcement - possession: reported six, actual six

Crimes against the person - sexual offences: reported four, actual three.

Corruption: reported two, actual two

Offences against morals: reported two, actual two

Offensive weapons: reported five, actual four

Other criminal code: reported 131, actual 120.

Provincial statutes: reported 146, actual 135.

Municipal bylaws: reported 46, actual 45.

Firearms act: reported 46, actual 45.

Possession of stolen goods: 18 reported, actual 18.

Crimes against property-fraud: reported 12, actual nine.

Break and enter: reported 23, actual 19.

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Common police activities: 983 reported, 980 actual.

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# Opinion

## Editorial

### Farm and ranch safety is everyone's business

BY DAN SINGLETON  
for the Didsbury Review

Alberta's farm community appears to be taking the safety-first message more and more to heart - and that's good news for one of the province's vital industries.

According to statistics released by the province last week, farm fatalities declined markedly last year, with 12 farming related deaths in 2007 compared with 18 in 2006.

There has also been a substantial decrease in the number of farm-related injuries, with just below 1,000 incidents last year compared with about 1,500 in 2006.

"It would be great to see these trends continue," said Laurel Aitken, farm safety coordinator with Alberta Agriculture and Food. "Hopefully this is not an anomaly, but an indication that farmers are putting safety first on their operations."

Of the 12 fatalities last year, seven were related to farm machinery, including three rollovers and one tractor runover involving a four year old boy. Aitken says that is an indication that farmers must remain vigilant in ensuring children are kept well clear of farm machinery of all types.

"Children do not understand the hazards of the farm yard and they are in great danger of being run over by operators who do not have a clear view of the immediate surroundings from the cab of a tractor," she said.

The fact three of the fatalities were caused by run-ins with livestock is also an indication of the danger horses and cows can pose to everyone, especially children.

The decline in farm fatalities can be attributed, at least in part, to the ongoing and worthwhile efforts of stakeholders such as agriculture and agri-business organizations, health care workers and others in raising awareness of the hazards of farm life. Those efforts should be applauded.

Yet in the end it remains up to farmers and ranchers themselves to make sure their operations are safe for themselves and their youngsters. Alberta Agriculture has come out with a new program that may prove to be useful in that regard.

The 'Farm Safety for Children' program includes Danger Dog preschool mini books, each having a specific, easy to remember lesson, such as One Seat, One Rider.

Alberta Agriculture is also developing a new program called 'Orientations and Training for Young and New Workers' - which is another good step in the right direction.

The Danger Dog mini-books and lots of other farm safety information is available at [www.agriculture.alberta.ca/farmsafety](http://www.agriculture.alberta.ca/farmsafety).

Any fatality on an Alberta farm is a tragedy not only for the victim's family but also for everyone in rural Alberta. Hopefully the current downward trend will continue in 2008 and beyond.



Fighter...or Kamikazi?

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SCOTT HENNIG

Shortly after being appointed health minister in 2006, Dave Hancock (now education minister) endorsed the status quo in our health-care system declaring that user-pay, private health-care alternatives were not an option in Alberta.

Fortunately, Alberta's new health minister, Ron Liepert, doesn't feel the same way: "It's all on the table," Liepert recently told journalists.

This is good news because maintaining the crumbling status quo is not a very lofty goal. According to the 2007 "Waiting Your Turn: Hospital Waiting Lists in Canada" report by the Fraser Institute, Alberta ranked fourth out of the ten provinces when it comes to wait lists. In fact, the wait a patient is likely to face between referral by their family doctor and receiving the treatment they need is 19.5 weeks. The Canadian average is 18.3 weeks.

Why are most Albertans waiting 137 days for treatment? Don't for a minute think that it's because they don't mind the wait. As the report points out, a 1991 Statistics Canada survey indicated that 45

percent of those who are waiting for health care in Canada describe themselves as being "in pain".

What's the solution? Doctor and nurse unions often say more money.

In the recently released National Physicians Survey, 57.3 percent of Alberta doctors cited funding as an impediment to delivery of care.

But is a lack of money really the issue? As Premier Stelmach so correctly pointed out recently: "The level of funding for health care in Alberta far exceeds per capita funding in other provinces."

If money really was the driving factor in wait-lists, Alberta should have the shortest wait times in the country, and they should be dropping each year. In 1993, the Alberta government spent a little over \$4-billion on health care, this year they will spend over \$12-billion. Even if you adjust for the growth in our population and inflation, Alberta has increased real health care spending by 54 percent during this same period. If money was the primary factor then wait times should have been cut in half since 1993. According to the Fraser study, the opposite has happened.

In 1993, the median wait a patient would likely face between referral by their family doctor and receiving treatment was 10.5 weeks, again slightly above the Canadian average of 9.3 weeks.

A 54 percent increase in real funding for health care and wait times nearly double. Clearly shovelling good tax dollars after bad into the system isn't working for Alberta.

In fact, it's not working anywhere in Canada. Every single province has seen their wait lists grow since 1993. Some, like Saskatchewan have seen theirs nearly triple in length. Nor is this an ideological issue. Governments of all stripes from NDP to Conservative have all been on the "pay more, get less" plan for health care.

Luckily, Alberta's new health minister is off to a better start than the last one. He at least understands the need for change. To quote: "One thing that is certain is that change is going to happen over the next four years because if we don't, we don't have a health-care system for any of us."

For the sake of those Albertans who continue to suffer and wait for care, let's hope Minister Liepert isn't just talk.

## Commentary

### Sick of waiting for health care reform

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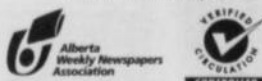
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# Eyes on Westglen



KATARINA GRAVES

This month has been fairly quiet regarding school activities, however a few things popped up here and there.

First off, this month grade seven and eight badminton started up with Mrs. Gramlich coaching the grade seven team and Mrs. Heisted and Mr. Turnbull coaching the grade eights. It looks as if there will be quite a few tournaments for the two teams so best of luck to them.

Near the end of the month Westglen students were treated to an improv comedy group called the "Panic Squad". They were hilarious and ridiculous at the same time. It was an enjoyable break in the afternoon for all the students.

One of the main things that happened this month was the visiting of the Japanese students. They came for a total of eleven days, five of which were spent in Didsbury with their host families. They were great fun to have; when they came to the school they taught us calligraphy and simple Japanese

words. They taught us how to make rice balls and served us miso soup. The host families entertained the guests with several things including a welcome dinner, snowball fights, a trip to Wigg's Cabin and sending them off with a sayonara party. One host student said "It was interesting to see how quickly you got to know them in the five days they were here, the language barrier was hardly an issue." Another student said, "My mom was still talking slowly to me two days after they left!" Ten students from both the DHS and Westglen are leaving for Japan on Friday, April 4th; they will be staying in Japan for sixteen days, travelling from big city Tokyo to rural Miki Town where our guests were from.

The Kiwanis music festival came up this month and the grade six, grade seven, grade eight and our jazz band students all did exceptionally well, congratulations!

This month I will be featuring two teachers, Mr. Turnbull and Mrs. Gramlich, both whom I have had great classroom experiences with.

First of all I want to talk about Mr. Turnbull, he has been teaching for a total of ten years. At Westglen he teaches Homeroom 7, gym and coaches badminton. His favourite

part about teaching is getting to know the students in his classroom on a more personal level. Mr. Turnbull says that coaching badminton is quite fun and the kids are very enthusiastic about it, but as always it is difficult to let go of team members and see their disappointment. Out of all the subjects that he teaches he likes Science, Math and Language Arts best, he has a particular interest in environmental issues and likes to gain a better understanding of issues going on in the world. It never ceases to amaze him how much students know and how well educated they are about issues around the world. When asked what his favourite part about Westglen was he replied that it was its own little community and he loves how everyone is so passionate and interested in helping the kids learn and finding better ways to teach them, the quality of caring is immense. Mr. Turnbull is also continually impressed by the Leadership team and the positive attitude they exert and the amount of work they get done to improve our school. There have been many funny classroom moments for him but mostly he gets teased about his lack of hair and the color of shirts he chooses to wear. (Pink to be specific).

Lastly I would like to talk about Mrs.

Gramlich, she teaches Homeroom 8, science for all three grade eight classes, math for both grade sevens and eights and still manages to fit in coaching badminton. She has been teaching for a total of twelve years, three of those have been here at Westglen. Her favourite part about teaching is that she has never experienced one boring day in her teaching career; she also loves the interesting people she gets to meet. Teaching science is a strong point and she loves the experiments and hands on work in real life situations. But even so, her two favourite subjects to teach are music and math, she loves the challenge of taking something hard and making it successful, she also loves working with patterns. Students are great too, Mrs. Gramlich enjoys how they take an actual interest in what their learning and apply it to real life. In the classroom Mrs. Gramlich has had many funny moments but recently the most entertaining was when she reached into a handout bin to grab something and instead found herself almost grabbing the classroom gecko!

I hope everyone had a great Easter and St. Patrick's Day, next month look forward to being entertained because Westglen Idol has returned for a 2008 edition!



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Tuesday April 1 and April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. Council Chambers

### PUBLIC HEARING — FOX HOLLOW:

Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. Council Chambers

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| • DP 23-08 | 2316—16th Street   | Accessory Storage      | R1 |
| • DP 26-08 | 1318—23rd Avenue   | Duplex with conditions | R2 |
| • DP 27-08 | 1316—23rd Avenue   | Duplex with conditions | R2 |
| • DP 29-08 | #6 Valarosa Drive  | Detached Garage        | R1 |
| • DP 30-08 | #66 Valarosa Drive | Single Family Dwelling | R2 |
| • DP 31-08 | #70 Valarosa Drive | Single Family Dwelling | R2 |

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office, 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 335-3391. Person(s) wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30 p.m. on **April 15, 2008**.

Robert Wigg, Development Officer

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| Midget/ Junior         | 8:00-9:00 PM |

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We welcome the input and views of landowners and stakeholders along the proposed route. A community open house has been scheduled to provide participants with an opportunity to learn more about the project and discuss any concerns with Taylor.

Please join us at the following open house:  
Time: 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Date and Location: Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at Westcott Hall (3142 Twp Rd 310), on the Westcott Rd., Westcott, AB

For further information about the Carstairs Consolidation Project, please contact the following personnel:

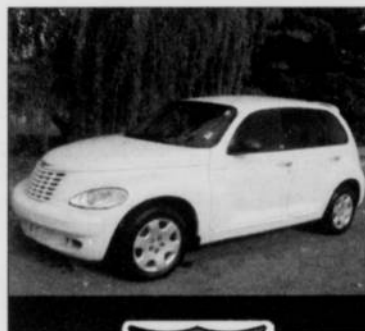
Mr. Ian Wesch, Engineering Manager, Taylor Processing Inc. at (403) 781-8193, or  
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# Town changes plans after grant snub

*Census may help future funding*

*"I guess ours weren't urgent enough compared to others. This scares me a bit, thinking that there are that many towns out there, in that dire need of infrastructure money. That really tells us what sad shape the infrastructure in our province is."*

BRIAN WITTAL, mayor Town of Didsbury

BY JOSH SKAPIN  
Didsbury Review

The Town of Didsbury says denied funding dollars will result in a change of plans involving two significant infrastructure projects.

Last week, the town was notified that its application for grant dollars through the Canadian Alberta Rural Infrastructure Fund (CAMRIF) to support a storm water management system, and storm water drainage and paving was turned down.

Consequently, work on 15 Ave, going east past the high school that would include widening the road and a new sidewalk, is not feasible for the town.

The projects were estimated at \$4.85 million, and \$6.5 million respectively.

"This is one of the concerns we have been hearing for a while, since the new high school was built over there," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"So in that area we are looking at putting in a sidewalk, but we need to look into where we can do it, so that when we do the infrastructure work on the road, we won't have to rip the new sidewalk up."

"We know that more projects applied for than they had funding for, and they tried to go with those that had the most urgent need," said Wittal.

"I guess ours weren't urgent enough compared to others. This scares me a bit, thinking that there are that many towns out there, in that dire need of infrastructure money. That really tells us what sad shape the infrastructure in our province is."

But what is expected to be helpful when applying for funding in the future is the town's municipal census.


This month the town is completing a census that it believes will produce population numbers that are greater than what was indicated in the federal census, which was approximately 4,300 people.

"We expect it will be closer to 4,700 maybe 4,800, that increase in itself in funding per capita will more than offset the costs of doing the census."

As Wittal explains, the town is also interested in a breakdown of age groups.

"One of the ones that we are interested in no doubt, are preschool aged kids," he said.

"We have an idea of school-aged kids, because of the numbers from the school, but with preschoolers, it will help (Chinook's Edge School Division) plan for the growth of schools within the town."



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# Largest offset credits sale in province

*Didsbury group promotes green practices*

BY JOSH SKAPIN  
Didsbury Review

The Didsbury-based Emission Credits Corporation (ECC) announced that they completed the largest sale of offset credits for farmers in Alberta last week.

According to ECC, they completed a transaction that sold approximately 400,000 tonnes of offset credits to TransAlta Corporation.

vice - president for ECC, Robert Coulter says the sale sends a market sig-

**"This is the beginning of an exciting value-added revenue opportunity for the farm communities of Alberta using their best farm environmental practices."**

MARJORIE MALINOWSKI

nal to the farming community that they have a new revenue source.

"Instead of a tax, this is a market solu-

tion that helps the environment right now. You don't have to wait until 2020. Plus it helps by putting dollars back into the rural community."

Marjorie Malinowski, president of ECC said in a prepared statement, "This is the beginning of an exciting value-added revenue opportunity for the farm communities of Alberta using their best farm environmental practices."

Don Wharton, vice-president, Sustainable Development at TransAlta stated, "This is a smart business decision for our company, as the purchase of offsets fits well with our strategy of immediately offsetting the environmental impacts of our existing operations while pursuing new clean fuel technologies and investing in renewable energy. This transaction creates significant savings for us while ensuring that there is a real reduction in greenhouse gases."

Offset credits are defined by ECC as instruments created by government that represent one tonne of greenhouse gases reduced from the atmosphere.

Their purpose is to create an emission reduction which would be taken on by an individual or company.

The emission transaction, which follows government approved protocol, can be bought or sold, and retired on

following delivery, which aims of meeting government emission reduction compliance targets.

According to a release from ECC, Alberta facilities that emit more than 100,000 tonnes of greenhouse gases a

came into effect July 1, 2007.

ECC is Alberta's largest agricultural aggregator of sequestered carbon offsets, producing "live compliance offsets" exclusively from Alberta farmland that can be used in the newly-created

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DON WHARTON

year are required to reduce their emissions intensity by 12 per cent under the Climate Change and Emissions Management Amendment Act, which

Alberta offset market.

According to ECC, commercial terms of the agreement which includes price per tonne are confidential.

## Minimum wage increase effective April 1

BY LEA SMALDON  
Didsbury Review

Minimum wage earners in the area will be making more as of next Tuesday as employers adjust pay to comply with an automatic increase.

As of April 1, minimum wage increases to \$8.40 an hour up from the current rate of \$8 an hour.

Provincial government officials estimate there are about 70,000 people in Alberta paid the minimum hourly wage legislated by the province.

Many area employers like Shirley Colby of The Only

One Under the Sun/Sears in Carstairs, say they don't have a problem with the mandatory increase.

"As a small business owner, I think minimum wage going up is fine. I don't think you can get anybody for what it is now," said Colby.

Many employers say they already pay above minimum wage to attract and maintain employees.

"Once I get someone good, I'd rather pay them more and keep them longer," said Colby.

The increase could spell good news for thousands of other workers earning near the minimum wage, though as wage scales are adjusted upwards.

Alberta Federation of Labour officials say that while they commend the government for making an increase to the minimum wage mandatory every year, they say this year's increase is disappointingly low.

"What Alberta workers need is a minimum wage that actually reflects the high cost of living in Alberta," said AFL president Gil McGowan. "A minimum wage after all should prevent full-time workers from living below the poverty line."

McGowan said the AFL estimates that a living wage right now in the province would have to be at least \$10 per hour.

He proposes first raising the minimum wage to \$10 an hour and then indexing it.

"Let's start with a realistic and fair minimum wage and then take it from there," he said.

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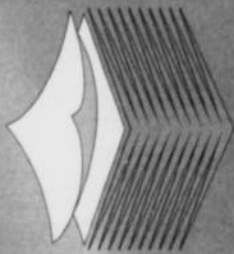
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# West Didsbury 4H News

DAYNA GOERZEN

On March 1, the West Didsbury 4-H club hosted the Area Speeches at Knox United Church in Didsbury. The top speakers came from the area to "speak off" to find out who would be

going to districts. It was a lot of fun and lunch was delicious. Congratulations to our own Julia Warkentin (Senior) for being chosen as an alternate. Thanks to all the judges who volunteered their time!

March 7, Prairie Partners

and West Didsbury served lunch at the Hadway's bull sale in Olds. Thank you Prairie Partners for helping us serve. We worked hard at preparing and serving lunch. It was a great day. Thanks to all who bought bulls.

We hosted a Curling

Funspiel on March 9th at the Didsbury Curling club with over 70 4-Hers competing for prize money. Congratulations to the winning team led by Jared Hunter (Skip), Sam MacArthur, Jake White, and Sander Bottenberg.

Some things we are looking forward to are on April 5

and 6, we will be volunteering at the Didsbury trade show. Come check out what the Trade show has! Also on April 5 a lot of our club members will be taking the St. John's First Aid Course. Another event coming up is the farm tours on April 7 to see everybody's 4-H projects and where they keep them.

## Start the Show off Right! Didsbury Trade Show

Nothing is better than having a good pancake to start your day. And for the past 15 years, residents and visitors have had just that, great pancakes at the Trade Show's Pancake Breakfast. The Zion Evangelical Youth Group does the flipping so bring your friends and family and watch your hosts cook around the griddle.

"We always enjoy putting on the pancake breakfast," said ZEM Youth Pastor, Colin Creighton. "It's a great way for our young people to be involved in the community."

"We really appreciate the support from Rod and Allen of Front Porch Realty," Colin added. "They make it possible for us to have the multi-purpose room for the breakfast."

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14 km East of Didsbury  
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Claude Baril - 335-3842  
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Colin Creighton, Youth Pastor  
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# Housing affordability increasing in Alberta

BY MICHAELA LUDWIG  
for the Didsbury Review

Relief is finally in sight for Albertans that wish to get out of the renting rut and into a home of their own.

After peaking midway through 2007, Alberta's housing affordability conditions improved towards the end of the year as a result of declining housing prices, according to the latest housing report released March 14 by RBC Economics.

"This marks the first time in over three years that Alberta's housing market witnessed broad-based affordability improvement across all housing segments," said Derek Holt, assistant chief economist with RBC. "With housing conditions continuing to improve, we expect to see more relief in the pipeline for 2008."

"There's been a bit of a softening in the market," agreed Derek Austin, owner of Century 21 Your Realty in Innisfail. "Sooner or later, when things start to get crazy, they have to get back to normal again."

Austin said the pricing corrections have filtered all the way through the market and housing \$300,000 and under is going strong.

"It's all quite positive. It should be getting stable now."

The stabilizing of the housing market is great for buyers, but sellers may have to wait a bit longer before they see a solid sign on their lawn.

But, "there's lots of opportunity in the market and it's a good market overall. It's getting back to normal," Austin said.

"It's an equal playing field for everybody. There may be some favouritism to the buyers because there is a lot of inventory on the market, but we're very busy [at the office.] It's busier now than it was this time last year and it feels like it will stay this way."

"Another positive is that interest rates have come down," Austin added. "That should help stabilize pricing and it helps people afford higher prices. More people will be able to come into the market."

"Mortgage rates moved up through 2007 and are only now starting to show signs that they are beginning to trend down," said Amy Goldbloom, an economist with RBC. "As financial market turmoil subsides and the Bank of Canada continues to lower the overnight rate, we expect mortgage rates to gradually drift roughly 75 basis points lower over the year."

As well, she continued, "mortgage innovation has started to enter the Canadian market over the last few years, allowing more people to tap into Canada's real estate market."

"These innovations include the introduction of longer amortization periods, up to 40 years, and higher loan-to-value ratios," meaning in some cases, no down payment may be needed.

While slipping housing prices in Alberta may cause some people to make comparisons between Canadian and U.S. household finances and housing markets, Goldbloom said there's no need to be worried.

"Alberta's market should cool from current levels but is not expected to exhibit U.S.-style housing correction," she said. "While financial market volatility is having global impact, in Canada, one of our offsetting strengths is the housing market and it's expected to remain in healthy territory."

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**BEAVERS** Tues. 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. at Eldon Foote Hall. Kids 5 to 7 years old, boys and girls welcome.

**TIME OUT** Child & Youth Clubs of Didsbury's Mom's Time Out and Dads Too program. At Didsbury neighborhood Place, Mondays 10-11:30 a.m. Call 335-4270.

### KING HIRAM LODGE #21

Has its regular meetings at 8 p.m. every 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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Has its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. every 3rd Tuesday of the month. For info. Call Marg Steckler at 335-4281.

### DIDSBURY SENIOR SUPPORT SERVICES

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**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Meetings Fridays 8:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, Didsbury, 21 Ave. and 21 St. For information call Colleen at 335-8484 or Rick at 335-9525.

**CREMONA COUNTRY FELLOWSHIP** is hosting VBS on August 20-24, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The theme is Big Fish and there will be Bible stories, games, snacks and crafts. Contact 637-3878 for more information.

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**DIDSBURY LIFELINE** Emergency Response System - Shirley 335-3787, Don 335-4676.

**MOUNTAIN VIEW CHORALERS** invite you to sing with us 7 p.m. Mondays at the 5-0 club, 2500 15 Ave.

**DIDSBURY ROYAL PURPLE #317** Regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of each month. For info call Ellen Trevendale 335-8382.

**DIDSBURY AND AREA SUPPORT GROUP** For friends and families of people with Alzheimer Disease and other forms of dementia. Join us the last Monday of each month, 7-9 p.m. Aspen Ridge Lodge, 1100 - 20 Ave., Didsbury. 335-9848. Dolina Watson, 403-335-7285.

### DIDSBURY & DISTRICT HEALTH SERVICES

**AUXILIARY** monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. in Unit 4 at the hospital.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** 12-step group for Compulsive Overeaters meets on Thursdays at 7 pm at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican church, 130 Albert St., Airdrie. For more information call Deb at 948-0563 or Frankie at 335-3633.

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**IF YOU ARE PREGNANT** or planning on becoming pregnant this crowd is for you. Skinny Joe's Coffee Shop, Carstairs 6:30 - 8:30 the 4th Thursday of every month. For info call Didsbury Public Health 353-7292.

**DIDSBURY YOUTH JUSTICE COMMITTEE'S** meetings are held the first Monday of each month. All persons interested in volunteering and helping to work with the youth in our community are encouraged to come. For location and time please call 335-1975.

**MIDWAY COMMUNITY WALKERS** Midway School will be open to anyone that would like to walk inside for exercise without the winter elements. Open every school day 7:30-8:30am. For more info call 337-2888.

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**ROSEBUD COMMUNITY HALL FAMILY GAMES NIGHT:** Thursday, April 10 and May 1 at 6:30 p.m. (no school Friday). Bring your own snacks and games to share with others. Open to the Didsbury community. Call 335-9296 for info.

**GOSPEL MEETINGS** will be held on Sundays from March 23 to May 18, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. at Ross Ford Elementary School in Didsbury, 2016 23 St. All are welcome. T Galbraith and C Herzog 335-4423.13-20

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO EXHIBIT YOUR ARTWORK?** The Chinook Creative Arts Foundation is holding its Annual Art & Craft Show on Saturday, April 26 from 10-4. Exhibit delivery is on Friday, April 25 from 1 - 5. The location is the "Old" Water Valley School. Elise 637-3905 or Pauline 637-2586. If you have questions or would like to exhibit your artwork.

**HYMN SING AND CONCERT** with Tapestry Vocal Band Sunday, April 13 @ 4:00 pm. Carstairs Church of God, everyone invited to enjoy a good music and a light supper.



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**Wednesday, April 9**

The Didsbury Chamber of Commerce will hold the monthly meeting tonight. Phone the office 335-3265 for all the details.

Calling all youths over 8 years of age who would like to play lacrosse this summer. Members of the Calgary Roughnecks Lacrosse team will be at the Didsbury Arena from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. to help you learn the game and also an autograph session.

For all the info on hall walking at Westglen School and free blood sugar testing on Monday, please call Cindy at 335-9437.

The Mountain View Chorale who practise their songs at the 5-0 Centre each week on Mondays at 7 p.m. invite you to come and join in with the group.

You are welcome to come and enjoy the potluck dinner at the 5-0 Club at 12:30 p.m. Bring your favourite meat dish, veggies, salad or dessert.

**Thursday, April 10**

All are welcome to Eldon Foote Hall today after the doors open at 1:30 pm. Speakers from the C.N.L.B. in Calgary will be there. They will also be discussing the aids that are available to prevent your eyesight from failing or deteriorating.

**Tuesday, April 15**

The Mountain View Christian Women's Club invite you to

# In and Around Didsbury

Marge St Clair

the Continental Breakfast being held upstairs in the Carstairs Arena (across from Hugh Sutherland School) from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. "Pictures Paint a Thousand Words". Special Feature - My Home Framing and Design Photo Restoration - Cindy Palin, Special Music - Monika with a "K", Special Speaker - Sandra Stephens.

For reservations, please phone Maria 337-0122 or Deb 337-2487. Free babysitting is supplied by the Ladies Club.

**Didsbury Stick Curling Leagues**

There was a great membership again this year for the three leagues - Tuesday morning, Tuesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon. And the winners were:

Tuesday morning - Carson and Marianne Schultz.

Tuesday afternoon - Larry Bunnah and Marty Overguard.

Thursday afternoon - Lois Mjolsness and Carson Schultz.

The Thursday Night two-person Skins League was won by Dell Wickstrom and Garry Shiernan.

The Ladies League winner was Penny Clazie's team and all the other teams received an award.

The Mixed League on Monday nights was won by Curtis Mousseau, Lana Mousseau, Rick Phillips Jr. and Bree Phillips.

The Men's League on Tuesday nights had to have a play off game on Thursday night and the winner was Rick Phillips Jr. with Curtis Mousseau, Al Crawford and Shaun Waite over the team of Garth Gosselin, Garth Schindel, Barry Kreiser and Darren Fawns.

The B Side winners Stephen Luft, Iain Paton, Henry Paulgaard and Brent Runnett over Mitch Rauhala, Brian Braun, Brian Maetche and Braden Rauhala.

The season wound up last night with the annual potluck supper, presentation of league trophies and election of officers as follows:

President - Rick Phillips Jr., 1st Vice President - open, 2nd Vice President - Amanda Gosselin, Secretary - open, Treasurer - John Rusling, League Reps - Mens - Brian Braun, Ladies - Amanda Gosselin, Mixed - open, Seniors - open, Stick - Carson Schultz, Jackie Leitch, Garry Shiernan.

The club is hoping to complete the Executive over the summer.

## Council asks MVSH to go before MAP for approval

BY PAUL FREY  
Didsbury Review

Mountain View Seniors Housing was asked by Olds town council to make a presentation to the Municipal Area Partnership last week after the group's Chief Administrative Officer came to council looking for a letter of support from the town for the updated Mount View Lodge.

Alvin Melton said now that the project's final costs are known and construction is proceeding, the project is costing an additional \$4.8 million above the initial \$13 million rough estimate, so Mountain View Seniors Housing needs the support once again from all area municipalities so MVSH can ask for additional funds.

"Now that we've got a nailed down contract... we want to go back to the municipalities and come to another agreement, get their approval for \$17.8 million and make sure that

all the municipalities are behind us with this venture," he said.

Melton explained to councillors that the building has been upgraded from a residential-type design to an industrial-type design so that utility costs that are borne at other MVSH facilities won't be as high at the new Mount View Lodge. He also said that MVSH is looking at alternative forms of financing such as public-private partnerships, life-leases by residents and partnerships with other organizations so that the requisitions asked for from municipalities won't be as much as they are for some of the other facilities MVSH operates.

Melton said MVSH is looking at financing the entire amount itself, so that the municipalities won't have the debt load of the new facility on its books. MVSH is asking, however, that the municipalities support the project so that MVSH can rely on that support when asking for the additional funds.

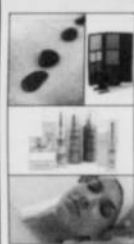
Asked by Coun. Warren Smith if MVSH had gone before

other councils in the area asking for their support, Melton said while he had gone before other councils in the past, his appearance in front of Olds councillors was the first one in which he had asked for a renewal of support based on the firm up construction costs.

Mayor Judy Dahl said while council generally approves of the project, it would like MVSH to get approval from all area municipalities so that everyone is on board with the revised construction figures before the town writes a letter of support for revised funding.

"The options that he presented... seem feasible to us so there's a lot of open discussion that we need to have... and I'm sure we can come to a conclusion on this," she said. "We will be involving the Municipal Area Partnership though in the discussion because we need to hear from all players on this and before we sign a letter of support for the change we do want to hear the views of our area partners."

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Our sincerest thanks to all who organized and participated in the benefit at Lone Pine Hall on March 16 for Scott Brander. The response was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. We are truly blessed to live in a community like this and to be surrounded by friends and family who have supported us for the past two years. Blessings to you all!

Scott Brander & Kim Dampier  
Jack & Debbie Brander  
& family

#### SCHMELZER - MURIEL



Muriel Grace Schmeltzer, born January 9, 1928 in Calgary, Alberta went to be with the Lord, March 18, 2008 in Sundre, Alberta. She moved to Turner Valley with her parents at 4 months of age. Her younger years were spent in the Turner Valley area. From there she moved to Red Deer in 1961, then back to Calgary in 1965, settling in Didsbury in 1989 where she made many wonderful friendships. In 2005, Muriel went to live with her daughter Stacey in Rimbey, until January 2006 when she made a move to the Sundre Long Term Care Centre, where she resided until her passing. Muriel is survived by 8 children, Rick (Judy), Jackie (Ed), T.J., Stacey (Scott), Roy (Gail), Bonnie (Don), Cheri (Paul), Debbie and one son-in-law Ben. Muriel is also survived by 22 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren, her sister Marion and brother Les (Marlene); 3 nephews and 8 nieces and many dear friends. Muriel was predeceased by her husband, Martin, father Jessie Sloan, mother Flossie Endicott, brother Bob, infant son Jesse, daughter Darlene, 2 infant grandsons, 3 granddaughters, Amber, Brandy and Jenny, and 3 nephews. A Celebration of Muriel's life was held at Zion Evangelical Missionary Church, in Didsbury, AB on Monday, March 24, 2008. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Muriel may be made to Sundre Long Term Care, Bag 3, Sundre, AB T0M 1X0 or a charity of choice.



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#### SCHUMAKER - WILLIAM LOUIS 1927 - 2008



Bill Schumaker, beloved husband of Joyce of Didsbury, was welcomed into His Lord's arms on March 24, 2008 at age 80. He will also be lovingly remembered by his children: Darlene (Randy), Sandi (Dan), David and Brian (Ursula); grandchildren: Pamela, Darren, Mark, Jonathan, Desirée, Jessica, Sabrina, Stephanie and Vienna; his three brothers and two sisters and their families. Bill was predeceased by his wife Elvera (Dolly) on March 28, 2001 and grandchildren David, Catherine, Sherri and Matthew, as well as by his parents Peter and Catherine. A visitation was held at Mountain View Funeral Home on Thursday, March 27, 2008 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The Funeral Service was held at the Redeemer Lutheran Church (1500 23 Street, Didsbury) on Friday, March 28, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. Graveside Service will follow at Mountain View Memorial Gardens. Memorial donations may be made in Bill's name directly to the Alberta Heart and Stroke Foundation (200, 119 - 14 Street N.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2N 1Z6). Arrangements entrusted to MOUNTAIN VIEW FUNERAL HOME AND CEMETERY, 17 Avenue SE at Garden Road, (1.5 km east of 84th Street SE) Telephone (403) 272 - 5555.



#### MAROLYN JANICE WILKINS



Marolyn Janice Wilkins, age 85, died peacefully with family and friends by her side at the Didsbury Nursing Home on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. She was born April 30, 1922, in Macomb, Illinois, U.S.A., to the late Louis and Grace Switzer. In 1927 she boarded a settler's train with her parents and three younger siblings to make the long journey to Canada. The family settled in Yanke Valley on her grandparents homestead, working the farm for a few years before moving into the village of Airdrie.

Marolyn attended school in Airdrie and worked as a telephone operator when a fateful meeting at a local baseball game introduced her to George Wilkins. They were united in marriage on March 4, 1941 in Calgary, Alberta.

During World War II she followed George to his postings in both Calgary and Abbotsford, B.C., finally settling in Didsbury after the war's end. For the next 33 years she was wife, mother and business partner. During that time she had the pleasure of returning to Illinois several times to visit family and after retirement travelled widely across Canada and the U.S. with George in their R.V.

Marolyn leaves to mourn, her husband of 67 years, George, and their children, Robert (Fay), Gary (Pam), and Sharon (Les). She is survived by two sisters, Romaine and Viola, two brothers, George and Harry, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her brother Ken.

In accordance with Marolyn's wishes there will be no service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation may be made to Unit 4 of the Didsbury Nursing Home. We wish to thank all the staff at the nursing home for their exceptional care of Mom during her time there and the kindness and compassion shown to all of us at the end.



PERSONAL ALTERNATIVE  
FUNERAL SERVICES,  
Calgary & Red Deer (403) 216-5111

#### DONALD JAMES COOK

FEBRUARY 29, 1920 - MARCH 2, 2008



Mr. Donald James Cook of Didsbury passed away suddenly at his home on March 2, 2008 at the age of 88 years. Don, the seventh of nine children was born in St. Paul, Minnesota to John and Ottilia Cook. They immigrated to the Monitor area when Don was 11 months old. He stayed in this area working on farms until he went overseas. After he was discharged in 1946, he moved to Lohby to live with his sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Albin Likness. It was here Don decided to become a shoemaker and opened his shoe repair by the theatre in Sundre. Years later when 'the mall' was built he opened Don's Men's Wear and Saddlery with a shoe repair in the back. Don married Joyce Twedt on February 20th, 1965 and immediately inherited what was to become a large family. They worked together at the store until they retired to the Creston area in 1978 and for 21 years were snowbirds. Then in November, 2001 Don and Joyce returned to Alberta and settled in Didsbury to be close to family. Don passed away peacefully at home with his wife by his side. During his life Don was an avid sportsman and active in the community. He had a band and played often at community dances. Don will be remembered fondly by many for his stubby cigar he always had in his mouth. He is survived by Joyce, his wife of 43 years, Wendy Davies of Didsbury, Tom Twedt and his friend, Pam of Bearberry, Laurie (Glenda) Twedt of Lethbridge. Grandchildren: Stephan, Sean (Wanda), Cory (Brandy) Davies, Jenaya Twedt, Cliff (Crystal), Jeff (Corina), Greg (Stephanie), Phillip (Andrea), Amanda (Chris) and Calvin Twedt. Great-grandchildren: Vincent, Cameron, Courtney, Jaden, Shekhina, Grace, Jade-Lynn, Madison, Kaedynce, Kalen, Aeris, Haiden and Lucas. One great-great-grandson, Jason. He is also survived by sisters: Alice and Evelyn and one brother, Lyle, as well as many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Saturday April 5th 2008 at 2:00 pm at the Sundre Legion. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Don's honour may be directed to the Alzheimer's Society of Alberta, 10531 Kingsway Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5H 4K1. Arrangements entrusted to Mountain View Funeral Chapels, 5226 - 46 Street, Olds, Alberta (403) 556-3223. Proudly serving the community for over 45 years.



#### 440. Music/Dance

PIANO TEACHERS or adult pianists needed to teach Music For Young Children. A comprehensive keyboard based program ages 3-10. call 1-866-244-9008 jcausgrove@myc.com for training details: www.myc.com

#### 1005. Help Wanted

DAIRY QUEEN IN Olds. Now hiring all positions. Apply in person.

WORK WHERE YOU'LL be appreciated!! We need you at the CARSTAIRS GOLF CLUB. Call 337-2058

#### 3220. Misc. Wanted

QUALITY ALFALFA ROUND hay bales. Please call 403-638-5385

#### 4005. Cattle

BLACK ANGUS BULLS for sale 5 Yearlings and 1-3yr old. A.I. Sires, vet checked. 335-4301 Bud or Connie

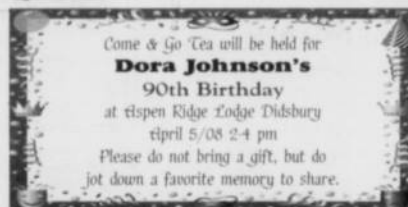
#### 5003. Real Estate Misc.

DIDSBURY - FOR RENT 3 bedroom bungalow- 3 bedroom condo- 3 bedroom in 4 plex. All units are No Smoking. No pets. References Required. Royal LePage Wildrose Real Estate Gerald Zinn 507-1936

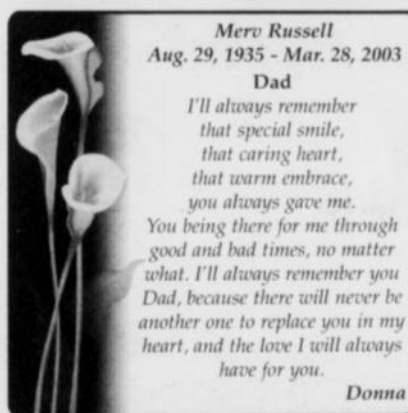
#### 180. Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Dr. Jaffer, the nursing staff of the Didsbury Hospital, the Calgary Foothills Hospital for the care I received. Also to the E.M.S. for the special attention I received. Thanks for all the cards, flowers, gifts, phone calls, sits and well wishes and prayers. Many thanks to all those who helped my wife, Evelyn, and family at this time. Thanks again everybody, you are all very special people to us.

Lindsay McFarquhar



#### 110. In Memoriam



#### 190. Announcements



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#### Notice The S.W.

Didsbury rural area just grew.

The Grisacks had twins.

Proud brothers & sisters are

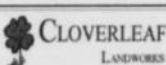
Aereo (dog), Stewart & Bailey

(rabbits), Fred & Wilma (pigs),

Sunday (goat).

Proud father is Don Fisher.

Congratulations to Dave & Coby



New landscaping company in

Didsbury is looking for mature

and responsible staff to start its

operation.

Great opportunity to start with a

new business.

\$16 to \$20 per hour depending

on experience. Inquire at 335-9184

or djloney@telus.net

#### 510. Legal Notices

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND CLAIMANTS

Estate of GEOFFERY CAVE PAGE, who died on January 9, 2008.

If you have a claim against this estate, you must file your claim by May 1, 2008 and provide details of your claim with Good Mahoney Lawson,

Barristers & Solicitors, Solicitors for the Personal

Representatives at Suite 105, Lower Level

Victoria Square Mall, 2034 19th Avenue, Box 1027, Didsbury, Alberta

T0M 0W0.

If you do not file by the date above, the estate property can lawfully be distributed without regard to any claim you may have.

DAD & GRANDPA

We thought of you today, But that is nothing new.

We thought of you yesterday,

And will tomorrow, too.

We think of you in silence, And make no outward show.

For what it meant to lose you Only those who love you know.

Remembering you is easy. We do it every day.

It's the heartache of losing you That will never go away.

We love you, Val, Brian, Tyler, Landon, Rhonda, Greg, Aimee, Randy, Sheila, Dwayne, Jan, Joelle,

Donna & Garfield.

**THE JAMES CARPENTER TEAM**



James Carpenter



Gerry Tonn



Marilyn Moncur



Terry Falk

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**COME TO OUR BOOTH AT THE DIDSBURY TRADE SHOW THIS WEEKEND!**

**Enter to win a Wii Game System and much, much more!!**



**335-0007**



**C/S**  
**AFFORDABLE LIVING**  
Open floor plan, 2 bedrooms, 3 bedrooms, parking pad in back. Tent garage included.  
\$89,900



**REDUCED**  
**NEW RENOVATIONS**  
Hardwood, 3 bedrooms, large backyard, single garage/shop.  
\$264,525



**CARSTAIRS STARTER**  
3 bedrooms, over 1200 sq. ft., Ensuite, Quiet cres. Large yard, Fully Fenced.  
\$279,900



**NEW LISTING**  
**FULLY FINISHED**  
Bi-level with 3 bedrooms, fireplace and overlooking single garage overlooking the park.  
\$287,900



**ADULT DUPLEX**  
2 bedrooms, 1116 sq. ft., hardwood floors, with a single attached garage, and fully landscaped.  
\$289,000



**REDUCED**  
**BEAUTIFUL HOME**  
Just over 1400 sq. ft. 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, hardwood floors. Open and roomy. Located in Carstairs.  
\$299,900



**WEST HIGHLAND DUPLEXES**  
1360 - 1400 sq. ft. 2-3 bedrooms, fireplace, stainless steel appliances, 5 year New Home Warranty.  
\$299,900 - \$324,900



**FAMILY STARTER**  
1088 sq. ft., 24 x 24 Double detached garage, partially finished basement, open concept design, built in 2006.  
\$309,900



**CARSTAIRS**  
Carriage Lane Way, 3 bedrooms, 1214 sq. ft., double attached garage, beautiful new construction.  
\$315,000



**NEW LISTING**  
**MATURE NEIGHBOURHOOD**  
A total of 3 bedrooms in this bungalow with over 1400 sq. ft. Renovated extensively over the years.  
\$319,900



**C/S**  
**CARSTAIRS**  
Single family dwelling, 3 bedrooms, over 1200 sq. ft., price includes GST.  
\$324,900



**DIDSBURY BUNGALOW**  
1200 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, Double attached garage. Close to golf course.  
\$325,000



**SUNDRE BI-LEVEL**  
Over 1250 sq. ft. on the main with a fully developed lower level. Double detached insulated garage.  
\$328,900



**REDUCED**  
**BEAUTIFUL NEW 2 STOREY**  
1400 sq. ft. of luxurious living space, 3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, hardwood floors. Open and roomy. Located in Carstairs.  
\$339,900



**CARSTAIRS**  
Family home, 3 bedrooms, bungalow style, double attached garage, over 1200 sq. ft.  
\$349,900



**SOLD**  
**FAMILY HOME**  
Bi-Level, Over 1400 sq. ft., 5 bedrooms, Vaulted Ceilings, Walk-out Basement, Main Floor Laundry, Double Attached Garage, plus much more.  
\$359,900



**REDUCED**  
**DIDSBURY BUNGALOW**  
3 bedrooms, open concept, 9' ceilings, in-floor heat lower level. Double garage fenced with a deck.  
\$349,900



**BUNGALOW**  
New construction, 4 bedrooms, fully finished, over 1150 Sq. Ft. on a quiet street in Didsbury.  
\$339,900



**NEW BUILD**  
**CARSTAIRS BUNGALOW**  
Walk-out basement, fireplace, with open floor plan and in-floor heat.  
\$378,900



**NEW BUILD**  
**QUIET CUL DE SAC**  
New 1000 sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 9' ceilings.  
\$378,900



**BIG AND BRIGHT**  
Large pit lot, quiet cul-de-sac, vaulted ceilings, open concept, skylights, hardwood floors, 2 garages, 4 bedrooms total, in-floor heat in basement.  
\$419,900



**DIDSBURY FAMILY HOME**  
Over 2800 sq. ft. Bi-level, 4 bedrooms, triple garage, hardwood throughout, 11' ceilings.  
\$439,900



**NEW LISTING**  
**LOCATED IN CARSTAIRS**  
Beautiful 1294 Sq. Ft. home with a great view of the mountains. 5 bedrooms, bonus rooms, walk-out basement.  
\$439,900



**EXECUTIVE HOME**  
Backing onto the golf course. Over 2850 sq. ft. total. 4 bedrooms, huge garage (26x24).  
\$449,000



**REDUCED**  
**ACREAGE LIVING**  
2.74 Acres, 4 bedrooms, over 1350 sq. ft. beautifully treed, large garden.  
\$475,000



**LIGHT/COMMERCIAL RESIDENTIAL HOME**  
New 1250 sq. ft. 1100 sq. ft. with double attached plus 8 bay detached garage. Great investment property.  
\$674,900



**OUTDOORSMAN'S PARADISE**  
NW of Sundre in Bearberry Country, 8 acres, 2100 sq. ft. home next to forestry land.  
\$675,000